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SUBJECT: PROFESSOR HAVEMAN INTERVIEW IN LE MONDE
1. IN VIEW OF QUESTIONS RAISED BY RECENT GDR
MANIFESTO, ADDRESSEES MAY BE INTERESTED IN LENGTHY FRONT
PAGE INTERVIEW ACCORDED BY PROFESSOR ROBERT HAVEMAN
TO LE MONDE (JANUARY 21). HAVEMAN FIRST DISCUSSES
CAMPAIGN AGAINST BIERMAN AND DETAILS
POLICE ARRANGEMENTS FOR HIS OWN SURVEILLANCE. MAIN
EMPHASIS, HOWEVER, IS ON THE EXTENT TO WHICH PARTY AND
GOVERNMENT HAVE LOST PRESTIGE. NEUES DEUTSCHLAND, FOR
INSTANCE, IS SEEN AS ORGAN OF A FEUDAL COURT. HAVEMAN
CLAIMS LOSS OF CONFIDENCE, DISAFFECTION NOW INVOLVES
95 PERCENT OF GDR POPULATION, INCLUDING THOSE CHARGED
WITH CARRYING OUT ITS ORDERS. WHILE GDR ECONOMIC
STANDARDS ARE STILL HIGHER THAN THOSE OF NEIGHBORING
SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, PEOPLE FEAR THAT THEY WILL DROP
TO THAT LEVEL. THE DISCREPANCY BETWEEN LOW SALARIES
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AND HIGH PRICES ALSO REMAINS MAJOR SOURCE OF ANXIETY.
INDEED ARTIFICIAL PRICE STRUCTURE IS ONE OF CENTRAL
DISEQUILIBRATING FACTORS, PRODUCING TWO CLASSES, THE
EXPLOITERS AND THE EXPLOITED. TO ILLUSTRATE HIGH LEVEL
OF INTERNAL STRESS HAVEMAN CLAIMS THAT GDR SUICIDE RATE
IS NOW 35 PER THOUSAND AS COMPARED TO 22 PER TEN
THOUSAND IN THE FRG. HE NOTES IN CONCLUDING THAT

HE IS WORKING ON A BOOK, PREDICTING THAT THESE
CONTRADICTIONS WILL BECOME EVEN SHARPER, BOTH IN
PARTY AND THE GOVERNMENT. "ONLY A GOVERNMENT WHICH
SPEAKS THE HARD BUT EFFECTIVE LANGUAGE OF TRUTH
WILL GET THIS COUNTRY, TO WHICH I AM SO ATTACHED, OUT
OF ITS IMPASSE".

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AS INTERVIEW MAY CALL FOR.
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